

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 18, 2007. No fee is due in connection with this Response. The Director is authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818. If such a withdrawal is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. 114260-14 on the account statement.

Claims 1-31 are currently pending. Claims 1-9 and 17-23 were previously withdrawn due to a restriction requirement. In the Office Action, Claims 12, 24, 27 and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph; Claims 13, 25, 28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; Claims 10-15 and 24-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103; and Claims 16 and 29-31 objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-31 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 32-35 have been newly added.

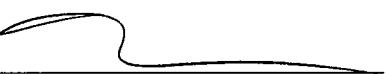
New Claims 32-35 include the elements from the objected to Claims 16 and 29-31, and all of the elements from the base claims, respectively.

Accordingly, based at least on the indication of allowable subject matter above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application and earnestly solicit an early allowance of same.

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